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LET US STAND BY THE OMAHA
AGREEMENT.

The CAUCASIAN notices that many Populist papers and a great many prominent Populists in interviews and letters are taking the position that the Omaha agreement, being a compromise chiefly acceded to at the request of the extreme element of the so-called mid-rovers, and that since the leaders of that extreme element, headed by Barker, Donnelly, Parks and a few others, have violated that agreement by calling a rump convention composed of a handful of self-constituted delegates, and have gone through the farce of nominating Barker and Donnelly for President and Vice-President, that therefore the party is no longer under any obligations to observe the Omaha agreement. We think our Populist friends and contemporaries are mistaken in their conclusions. It is true, however, that they are correct about the facts. It is true that a handful of those that were noisiest and loudest in demanding such a concession as was agreed on at the Omaha conference, before the delegates had reached home, were planning a conspiracy to violate that agreement and to try to split the party by calling a rump convention, and it is also true that they succeeded in getting forty or fifty individuals picked up from here and there, representing nobody, to meet in a so-called convention and that this handful after quarreling, split among themselves and that one faction of the little handful did nominate Barker and Donnelly. But to our mind their conduct in this matter can not in any way justify the party in ignoring the Omaha agreement because it has been violated by these few men. It should be remembered that there is a very respectable element of the People's Party which at the time of the Omaha agreement believed in the sincerity of Barker and Donnelly and stood with them in the position that they took at that time. The Omaha agreement was made more with this class of Populists than it was with Barker and Donnelly. We do not believe that this honest rank and file element of the mid-rovers have endorsed the position of Barker and Donnelly in violating that agreement. On the other hand we believe they are to-day standing by said agreement. But however that may be, let the majority of the party which made the concession at Omaha to satisfy the minority live faithfully up to the agreement, no matter what others have done or may do. We have clipped a number of editorial extracts from Populist papers advancing reasons why the party should no longer be bound by the Omaha agreement which we intended to publish, but they would make this article too long. We trust, however, that our Populist contemporaries will consider the above carefully and see that it is their duty and best for the party to stand by the Omaha agreement, even though it has been outrageously violated by some of those at whose request the concessions were made.

TWO CONFESSIONS.

We have often had occasion to refer to the mistakes of the last Legislature; that is, the errors which are continually being discovered in the laws passed by that body. And it is often that we have to call attention to the silence of the Democratic press upon these errors. Many have been discovered which onto any committed by the legislature of 1895 and 1897, and we all remember how the Democratic papers declared the petty errors of those legislatures to be unquestionable proof of the incompetence of the members of the Legislature. Then accepting their own statements, it must be inferred that the last legislature was grossly incompetent, even more so than the one of '95 and '97.

But the majority of them have nothing whatever to say about the errors of that last legislature; and this makes the honest confessions of those papers that do own up interesting and refreshing. We follow with two such confessions from the Statesville Landmark and the Scotland Neck Commonwealth. The Landmark says:

The adjournment of the Legislature many errors have been discovered in the laws passed by that body—the errors in the revenue law being especially noticeable. The fusion Legislature of '95 and '97 made a record for ridiculous errors which attracted the attention of the whole State and were much criticized by the Democratic press. It is not pleasant to criticize the work of our own Legislature but common fairness demands it.

The Commonwealth even more candidly remarks:

Perhaps a Democratic newspaper is not expected to say it, but candor compels the Commonwealth to observe that the last Legislature made many ludicrous mistakes which seem inexplicable. Almost every day some mistake made in copying the laws is published. As the laws are being published these

mistakes are coming to light, some of them; and perhaps others that we do not hear of. To say the least of it there seems to have been gross negligence somewhere in allowing so many mistakes to creep in.

IT WILL BE THE SAME WAY HERE.

We have been very much struck with recent editorials in a number of Virginia Democratic papers, Kennedy Democratic papers, and Democratic papers in other states that have such outrageous election laws as the Goebel law, the Virginia law, and the Simmons law in this State.

Many Democratic papers in these states, where the machine ball-pen election laws have been in force for several years, are calling attention to the fact that such election laws not only break down the healthy opposition that comes from opposing political parties, but they build up a heartless and tyrannical machine in the Democratic party which destroys the will of the majority and entrenches in power a ring that feels licensed to do anything in defiance of public opinion when it is necessary for self-aggrandizement. The ring feels bold to defy public sentiment with such election laws, because the will of the people whether Democratic or of other political faith, amounts to nothing. The political ring once entrenched controls just such majorities as it desires. There are already signs of a good sized revolt in Virginia on the inside of the Democratic party against such a ring and such election methods. The revolt has assumed pretensions proportions in Kentucky. If the infamous election law planned by Simmons and his crowd of ballot-box stuffers stays on the statute books a few years in North Carolina, there will surely be just such a revolt inside of the Democratic party of this state. As the Norfolk Virginian forcibly says in a recent editorial, the power of such election machinery not only amounts to a destruction of the manhood suffrage and a stifling of the voice of the people, but it breeds corruption inside of the party in power and emboldens the ring to commit outrages against the public decency that would not otherwise be dreamed of.

The people of North Carolina take warning from the example of our sister states. Let every lover of good government and especially every honest fair-minded member of the Democratic party see it that Simmons and his band of ballot-box stuffers and his infamous election law are overthrown without further loss of time.

WHY THE UNITED STATES CANNOT OFFER MEDIATION.

There has been quite a movement on foot, headed by the New York World and other leading journals, to raise a monster petition to President McKinley requesting that he offer the mediation of this country between Great Britain and the Boers, to prevent the war which has already begun. President McKinley promptly declined to offer mediation. Under the circumstances, we do not see how President McKinley could have done otherwise. To have attempted to offer mediation under the president circumstances would indeed have made this country the laughing stock of the world. If, however, we ourselves had been living up to the Declaration of Independence, and had therefore occupied a position where we could consistently offer mediation, it would have been a very patriotic and humane thing to have done. But unfortunately we occupy a position where if we were to attempt to offer mediation, the nations of the world in chorus would say: Sister, first take the beam out of thine own eye.

Our readers are familiar with the official circular issued by Mr. Simmons, Chairman of the Democratic State Machine, in the last campaign, indignantly denying that if his Machine was put in power that they would adopt a scheme to disfranchise a single voter in the state, white or black. Our readers are also familiar with the fact that every Democratic speaker and every Democratic newspaper made the same declaration. It seems that Mr. James H. Pou, the ex-Chairman of the Democratic State Machine, while making a speech in Moore county, struck an audience that gave him to understand that they doubted the truth of his professions and denials, and called upon him to make an affidavit to that effect. The affidavit will be found in another column. It will be noticed that Mr. Pou did not make his affidavit as strong as his speeches; but he shrewdly attempted to half-straddle the question so as to appear to make his affidavit cover his campaign declarations and at the same time to try to leave himself a semblance of a loop-hole. The affidavit speaks for itself, however, and clearly shows that his purpose was to fool the voters when he said in his affidavit that he did not believe that a scheme to disfranchise a single voter could receive the vote of a single Democrat in the Legislature, and when he further denounced as a falsehood every charge that any Democrat favored any scheme to disfranchise illiterate voters, white or black.

We notice in the Kentucky papers that a very large number of voters, who have in the past been voting in that state have this year been turned away and prevented from registering under the Goebel election

Constipation, Headache, Biliousness, Heartburn, Indigestion, Dizziness,

Indicate that your liver is out of order. The best medicine to cure the liver and cure all these ills, is found in

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law. The Goebel election officers have been refusing to register a very large number of both, both white and black, who are known to be against Goebel; while on the other hand everything, both white and black, has been registered that would vote for Goebel. This is a new way of disfranchising voters. They are disfranchised according to their politics. Now let it be remembered that the Simmons election law in this state is modeled after the Goebel election law, and the same thing may be expected to happen here when registration time comes. With such a ball pen election law and with a lot of election thieves for registrars and poll-holders, it will not be necessary to have a constitutional amendment or anything else to disfranchise voters. The Simmons election law and a lot of perjured registrars and poll-holders can do all the stealing that is necessary for the machine. The only question is, will the people submit to it.

From Weldon, Neuse and intermediate points to the Raleigh State Fair and back the same day at amazingly low rates by the Seaboard Air Line. See agent at your town.

A Poor Showing.

Washington Post.]

So much has been said about our military operations in the Philippines, and such hopeless confusion prevails as to the real results of the campaign, it might fill a more or less urgent want to give here a partial list of our achievements—such as they have been. The very interesting and remarkable statement following is quoted as having been sent to the Chicago Herald by a correspondent in the Philippines:

"Pasig has been captured three times and abandoned twice."

"Guadalope has been captured four times abandoned three times."

"Mariguana has been captured six times and abandoned six times."

"San Jose has been captured twice and abandoned twice."

"Santa Cruz has been captured once and abandoned."

"Pagsanjan has been captured once and abandoned."

"Lungsod has been captured once and abandoned."

"Paete has been captured once and abandoned."

"Novacalib has been captured twice and abandoned."

"San Mateo has been captured once and abandoned."

"San Jose has been captured once and abandoned."

"Nozagaray has been captured once and abandoned."

"Antipolo has been captured once and abandoned."

"Morong has been captured twice and abandoned."

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The Right Ring.

If the registrars and election judges carry out the specifications of that new bull-pen-election law, gotten out by that "white supremacy" crowd that met in Raleigh last winter, thousands of white men will not be allowed to vote, or if they vote it will not be counted as cast. Every white man should go to the polls determined to vote and stay there and see that vote counted as cast.—Ex.

Another Case of Smallpox at Salisbury.

SALISBURY, Oct. 14.—A negro train went into a drug store this morning and said he wanted to find out what was the matter with him that he wasn't well. The man's face made it perfectly plain what his ailment was, and officers were called in to take him in charge until he could be sent to the pest house. He makes the twelfth smallpox patient under its hospitable roof, the other eleven, also colored, being well advanced toward recovery. The incident created a little excitement at the time.

Holding Cotton for 40 Cents.

Mr. B. F. Sandling, of New Light, who was in Raleigh yesterday, was talking about holding cotton for better prices, and said: "I know a man who has a bale raised during the war or just after the war when cotton was forty cents a pound who is still holding it. He is Mr. Thomas Perry, who lives near Creedmoor, Granville county. When his cotton was ready for market the price went below forty cents, so he sold it to sell and said he could hold it until cotton went back to 10 cents. Then he has been holding it ever since. He also has some tobacco old and have a few years ago that was raised nearly 30 years ago. I asked him why he hadn't sold it. He said 'Daddy' and me raised it together. Daddy never said anything about selling it, and I didn't either."

News & Observer.

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DEWEY IN BOSTON.

Another sword presented the Admiral.

BOSTON, Oct. 14.—The official entertainment of Admiral Dewey came to an end with a banquet this evening after a day crowded with exciting events. The weather was perfect, and one of the largest crowds ever assembled witnessed the parade in the Admiral's honor. In the meeting the Admiral received the city officials and committee of the city, and presented a sword to him. Subsequently he attended school children's exercises on the common. He was then driven to the city hall, where a gold watch was presented by the mayor. From the city hall he went to a private residence.

Cotton Picking Champion.

TENNILLE, Ga., October 7.—Mr. John Doolittle, of Washington county, State, picked 487 pounds of cotton Saturday at the plantation of J. F. Walker, in Tuckahoe, six miles west of Tennille. John Simmons, of Washington county, Miss., formerly held the championship record of 400 pounds in a day.

Govermn't Should Own Them.

N. Y. Journal.

From Chicago comes the news that the Harriman syndicate has practically completed plans for a transcontinental railroad system from Chicago to the North Pacific coast and South to the Gulf of Mexico. This system is to embrace seven other vast railroad systems.

The Vanderbilts are also linking newly acquired lines in the west and south. The Gould system already extends to the gulf, and the management is planning to acquire more roads.

Answered.

Indian Journal.

A fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer. Ain't that so?"

"I can't answer you."

"What's in a name?"

When you come to medicine, when you get Hood's Sarsaparilla you get the best money.

You Must Not Forget.

A successful business man said that there were two things he had learned when he was eighteen, and which were afterward of great use to him—namely: "Never to lose any thing, and never to forget anything."

The story of this young man is told in the Country Gentleman.

An old lawyer sent the young man with an important paper, giving him definite instructions what to do with it.

"But," inquired the young man, "suppose that I should lose it, what shall I do then?"

"You must not lose it," said the lawyer, frowning.

"I don't mean to," said the young man, "but suppose I should happen to."

"But I say you must not happen to."

I shall make no provision for such an occurrence. You must not lose it.

This put a new strain of thought into the young man's mind, and he found that if he was determined to do a thing he could do it.

He made such a provision every contingency that he never lost anything.

He found this equally true about forgetting. It is the master of importance to be remembered.

He pinned it down on his mind, friend it there, and made it stay.

He used to declare:

"When a man tells me that he forgot to do something, I tell him he might as well have said, 'I did not care enough about your business to take the trouble to think of it again.'

"I once had an intelligent young man in my employ who deemed it sufficient excuse for having neglected an important task to say, 'I forgot it.' I told him that would not do; if he was sufficiently interested he would be careful to remember.

It was because he did not care enough that he forgot it, and he cured him with this truth.

"He worked for me three years,

and during the last year of the three he was utterly changed in this respect. He did not forget a thing. His forgetting, he found, had been a lazy and careless habit of mind, and he cured it.

"The Best is the Cheapest."

Experience teaches that good clothes wear longest, good food gives best nutrition, and a good medicine that cures disease is naturally the best and cheapest. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine money can buy, because it cures when all others fail.

How Corn Grows in Missouri.

The terrible news comes from "Free State" that a young man climbed a cornstalk the other day to see how the ears were getting along, and now the corn is growing up faster than he can climb down. Three men have undertaken to cut down the stalk, but owing to its rapid growth it is feared that they will not succeed in time to prevent the young man's death by starvation. He has subsisted on raw corn, and he has already thrown down four bushels of cob; it is now thought that his supply is almost exhausted.—The Banner, (Mo.)

Yellow Fever at Key West.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Key West reports ten new cases tonight and three deaths. Dr. Porter states that the epidemic is practically over.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints.

Hood's Pills cure liverills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Volunteers to Sail Soon for Manila.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Arrangements for the departure of the twelve additional volunteer regiments for Manila have been completed. All of the colored have been fully recruited. Three of the regiments will sail from New York and the remainder will sail from San Francisco.

A Trolley Car Collision with an Excursion Train.

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 14.—Near the State Fair grounds, in the Eastern suburbs, a trolley car on the rapid transit railway, filled with passengers, collided this afternoon with an excursion train of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. Of the forty-nine passengers on board the street car nearly half of them were hurt. Six were seriously injured and three of them cannot live.

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ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows:

"I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was yellowish, my eyes sunken, my coated, painless, almost in back and sides, no appetite gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters'; and to my great joy and surprise I recovered my health completely. I continued their use for three weeks and am a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50cts. guaranteed, at all Drug Stores.

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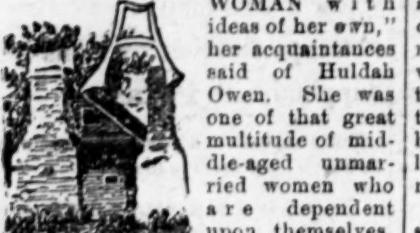
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HULDAH.



WOMAN WITH IDEAS OF HER OWN,
her acquaintances said of Huldah Owen. She was one of that great multitude of middle-aged unmarried women who are dependent upon themselves. Her mother had often said to her:

"Huldah, you shall never marry for a home; your father and I are gone; there will be money enough to buy you a small place; and you will be quite independent."

But a series of misfortunes had fallen upon the Owens, and when the debts were paid and the estate was settled only a few hundred dollars remained. Besides the money, Huldah possessed a common school education, excellent health, an independent spirit and strong common sense.

Many plans floated through her mind. There was one thing she greatly desired, and that was to be an owner of real estate. Why could not she do with small village property what the money kings had done with railroads—buy dilapidated houses, put them in repair and sell them at a profit or keep them and live on the rental?

After eating breakfast at a friend's house she strolled out in quest of a bargain in real estate.

Every house she passed which looked as if it were going to decay she scanned with interest, and in some instances inquired if the property was for sale. In view of a possible purchaser, the price was generally raised beyond the reach of Huldah's small capital. On the outskirts of the village stood an old house which she especially wished to possess. It was large and surrounded by about two acres of land. It seemed in the last stages of decay. The roof of the kitchen had fallen in, the fence was nearly all gone, the well-embankment had rotted away, and the weeds made a wilderness about the place.

"If there isn't so much land with it," said Huldah, "I might be able to buy it, but I do not want to go in debt, and if the Hulsey heirs knew that I wanted to buy it they would want a fancy price."

She went home quite tired, and with a much clearer idea of what she wanted not purchase than when she started out.

"Come here and welcome," her friend, Mrs. Ramsdell, had said, when the breaking up at the home-stead had left Huldah without shelter.

"Thank you, kindly," the young woman had responded, "it will only be for a short time, for I must get settled."

In the same household was a lad about ten years old, who did chores for his board. The chores lasted all day long, and even the few hours after supper which Donald wanted for rest were frequently broken.

The children of the family crowded the patient little fellow away from the lamp and away from the fire.

Huldah made a resolve that if ever she had a home of her own Donald should have a cosy nook by the fire-side. She had helped him with his examples, and he was grateful, for poor and homeless as he was he had set his heart on becoming a great scholar.

The evening that Huldah had been out prospecting a man came to see her about selling the Hulsey property.

"I am one of the heirs," he stated. "There are three of us, and we are tired of looking for a buyer. It hasn't been so we could rent it for a long spell, and we ain't none of us but could use a bit of cash right handy, now that our weather is a-comin' on. I know you see Mr. John and John about it, an' the reason if you hear me tell you to give us each a hundred dollars for our share we'll sell out an' the p'ell'll be yours."

"Three of them! One hundred dollars apiece!" Huldah thought rapidly. It was a very low figure. Still, she was shrewd enough not to seem too eager.

"I will look the place over in the morning and let you know," she said.

Bright and early she was making her way through the weeds to the old Hulsey house. She found a good collar, an excellent foundation wall and timbers, and three or four rooms that could be made habitable without much expense. The room and alcove she knew to be small, though the price asked for it was reasonable.

After ascertaining that the title was good, she concluded the bargain as soon as possible.

It was early in September, but there was much to do before cold weather. She went to her friend and asked for Donald.

"I want him for my boy," she explained. "I will give him a home and educate him."

Donald stood by, anxious to hear the decision.

"If he wants to go," said Mrs. Ramsdell, "I have no claim on him. I just took him in out of charity, but I have enough of my own."

"Do you want to be my boy, Donald?"

"Oh, yes'm, if you please."

Huldah was not a demonstrative woman, but she kissed the eager, uplifted face. That caress made the motherless boy her friend, willing to lay down his life in her service.

In the busy days that followed she found her boy a very efficient helper. It was Donald who cleared the place of weeds. It was Donald who helped to scrub and whitewash the rooms. It was Donald who worked with all his might when the drayman brought Hulsey's furniture from her old home.

"Donald, I do not want you to work so hard. I fear men won't understand you," remonstrated Huldah. "And I want to see how well we can make the place look."

"It is wonderfully improved already. Since you pulled up those great weeds and burned them it looks like another place, but we need a carpenter to put a new roof on the wing of the house, and to fix the doors and windows. If the house had a coat of paint, it would be quite respectable."

She soon found a carpenter who was willing to make repairs if he could turn his work on rent. Huldah fur-

ished the materials, and in a week the man and his wife moved into a part of the house, so that almost from the first the property began to be a paying investment. Donald begged to be allowed to paint the outside of the house. He also learned to put on shingles, and was so much help in making the repairs that the term of the carpenter's services was comparatively short. At the end of the second month the rent was cash, and it went toward providing food for the two young inmates of Hulsey house.

Her success prompted her to greater efforts. She found a mechanic who was out of work, and she agreed that if he would build a house on her ground she would pay him in rent. Having a wife and child, he was glad to get shelter on these terms, especially as he was at liberty to work at other jobs as soon as the house was up and enclosed, being allowed to finish it when other work was not to be procured.

By figuring Huldah found out that she could afford to borrow money to buy or to build, as the rent was much more than the interest. So the rent lengthened year after year, and she gained the desire of her heart by becoming a property owner. Waverley

KIMBERLEY'S DIAMOND MINES.

Our Consul-General at Cape Town gives an Account of His Visit There.

Counsel-General J. G. Stowe, of Cape Town, has sent to the State Department an exhaustive account of a trip which he recently made through South Africa to examine into the industrial development of the country.

In the course of his report Mr. Stowe gives an interesting report of his visit to the Kimberley diamond mines.

"The City of Kimberley," he says, "is 647 miles from Cape Town—a ride of six days and one night. It has a population of 35,000 and the greatest diamond mines in the world. The United States is represented here by a consul, Mr. Gardner E. Willard, who is the general manager of the mines. I was pleased to learn that many of the most responsible positions are held by Americans.

"The company occupies 200,000 acres of land, employs 15,000 natives and 25,000 whites, consumes en masse in the 'compounds' 25,000 pounds of mutton and 200,000 pounds of beef, turns out 22,000 carats of diamonds a month, uses 6000 tons of coal a day, has 2000 horses and mules, twelve stallions of the best breeds (some from America) and 200 brood mares. The shops connected with the mines for the manufacture and repair of machinery and supplies compare well with some of our largest harvester factories or rail-road stations."

"I am not at all surprised to see American machinery here. The immense driving power of a pumping engine made in England had to be sent to Chicago to have the cogs cut.

"The company is operating an ice plant from Chicago, and has three more ordered, each with a capacity of five tons per day and 20,000 tons of cold storage; and a complete dynamite plant, with an American to manage it, is on its way here from America.

"One hundred and fifty miles of narrow gauge railroad in and around the mines is laid with American rails and every tire or sleeper is made of California redwood, which in this country is par excellence the best wood for such a purpose. It is also used in many other ways. The ships from California have arrived with cargoes of redwood and Oregon pine. The company sells its ice for half a cent per pound to all, while in Cape Town the charge is four cents per ton.

"No corn should be fed until just previous to hardening the fat, and all heating or fat-producing food should be avoided as much as possible during the summer. A pig when in the pen will do well enough on vegetables, refuse, etc., if given a little bran and milk daily, as corn can do its duty later in the season.—Tennessee Farmer.

Good Butter Making.

In making good butter, aside from the processes themselves, there are at least three essentials, namely, good milk, pure air and perfect cleanliness, says the Dairy Reporter.

Most of the elements which render milk bad are the fermenta. They are "leaven," bad, and the fermenta.

"Leave the whey lumps."

In these lumps only takes a little poor milk to spoil a considerable quantity of milk that is unobjectionable. Milk from cows that are close to calving time often contaminates a large quantity of good milk with it may be mingled, and there are many other causes for poor milk that readily propagate themselves when the milk is added to other lots that are without fault.

Nothing is more susceptible to bad odors than milk and its products. Pure air is so essential that good butter cannot be made when the dairy room is in the kitchen, or is immediately connected with the rooms of the house.

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